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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT,
ATHENS/WOODCREST/OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND
WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT PROJECT;
APPROVE THE PROJECT; AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions are to adopt the Negative Declaration for the Firestone Garbage Disposal District, Athens/Woodcrest/Olivita Garbage Disposal District, and Walnut Park Garbage Disposal District Project (Project); approve the Project; and award a contract for the Firestone Garbage Disposal District for the automated collection, transportation, disposal, and management of refuse and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials (e.g., newspapers, metal cans, etc.) and green waste (e.g., lawn clippings, etc.) generated by all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Consider the Negative Declaration for the proposed Project together with the comments received during the public review period; find on the basis of the whole record before your Board that there is no substantial evidence the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of your Board; and adopt the Negative Declaration.

2. Approve the Project and award to Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC, the contract for Firestone Garbage Disposal District (District) consisting of two separate tasks: Task 1, for automated collection, transportation, disposal of refuse, and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials and green waste from all single family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments; and Task 2, for cleanup, collection, transportation, disposal, and management of discards in unlimited quantities from all alleys and specified public curbside receptacles within the District in an annual total amount of \$6,150,213, and a potential maximum contract amount of \$61,502,130. These amounts do not include potential future changes for contingencies and/or adjustments as set forth below. This contract will be for a term of seven years commencing on July 1, 2010, with three 1-year renewal options, for a potential maximum contract term of ten years.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work in accordance with the terms of the contract, if required; to adjust the maximum contract sum to provide for any change in unit counts based on the County Assessor's tax roll, which determines contractor's annual compensation; and to adjust the maximum contract sum based on the adjustment of the initial monthly unit rate of \$15.62 up to a total maximum adjustment amount of 30 percent of this initial monthly unit rate over the entire term of the contract to allow for cost-of-living adjustments, fuel cost adjustments, and solid waste facility fee adjustments.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contract; to renew the contract for each additional renewal option if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or her designee, Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC, has successfully performed during the previous contract period and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or her designee, it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to provide automated collection, transportation, disposal, and management of refuse and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials (e.g., newspapers, metal cans, etc.) and green waste (e.g., lawn clippings, etc.) generated by all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments (Task 1); and the cleanup, collection, transportation, disposal, and management of discards in unlimited amounts from all alleys and specified public curbside receptacles (Task 2) within the District.

Collection and proper management of solid waste generated within the County's seven garbage disposal districts are provided by private sector haulers under contract with the districts. The recommended contract is necessary to continue to meet the refuse, recyclable, and green waste collection needs for the District's residents and business establishments.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The contractor who has the specialized

expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total annual amount is \$6,150,213 plus 10 percent of the annual contract sum for any unforeseen, additional work within the scope of work of the contract, if required, plus changes to the annual amount based on the adjustment of the initial monthly unit rate of \$15.62 up to a total maximum adjustment amount of 30 percent of this initial monthly unit rate over the entire term of the contract to allow for cost-of-living adjustments, fuel cost adjustments, and solid waste facility fee adjustments. The annual amount is based on: Task 1, consisting of automated collection, disposal, and management of 30,199 refuse units receiving refuse, recyclable, and green waste multiplied by the unit rate of \$15.62, which equals an annual amount of \$5,660,501 (\$471,709 monthly) plus \$2,632 for special collection services; and Task 2, consisting of cleanup, collection, transportation, disposal, and management of discards in unlimited quantities from all alleys and specified public curbside receptacles in the amount of \$487,080.

The contract amount can be adjusted if there is a change in refuse unit counts based on the County Assessor's tax roll and/or when the initial monthly unit rate of \$15.62 is adjusted due to annual cost-of-living adjustments, fuel cost adjustments, and solid waste facility fee adjustments in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Streets and Highways Code, Section 953, requires that the costs for cleanup, collection, transportation, disposal, and management of discards from alleys and public curbside receptacles be paid from the Road Fund Budget. Although the Road Fund must pay for these services, other funds available to pay for such services may be placed in the Road Fund. The District will deposit funds into the Road Fund to pay for those activities related to the cleanup, collection, transportation, disposal, and management of discards from the public road right of way in unlimited quantities from all alleys and specified public curbside receptacles within the District.

Awarding this contract will not necessitate an increase in the current annual service fee to continue to meet the District's operating costs. The District's reserves together with the estimated revenues at the current service fee rate are sufficient to fully finance this recommended contract through Fiscal Year 2010-11. The District will continue to submit the Annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee Report to your Board for approval to provide for the continued garbage collection and disposal service fees on the tax roll.

Funding for Task 1 and Task 2 is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Proposed Firestone Garbage Disposal District Fund Budget and the Road Fund Budget. The District will also deposit the funds necessary for Task 2 into the Road Fund, and it will be included in the Fiscal Year 2010 11 Proposed Road Fund Budget. Funds for the contracts' optional years, 10 percent additional funding for contingencies, adjustments to the maximum contract sum to provide for any change in unit counts, adjustments to the maximum contract sum based on the adjustment of the initial monthly unit rate, cost-of-living adjustments, fuel cost adjustments, and solid waste facility fees will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended contractor is Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC, located in Santa Fe Springs, California. This contract will commence on July 1, 2010, for a period of seven years. With your Board's delegated authority, the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee may renew the contract for three 1-year renewal options, for a potential maximum contract term of ten years.

The current contract consisting of Task 1 services in the District expires on June 30, 2010. The Task 2 services are currently being provided through Road Fund managed contracts. As the Task 2 refuse is generated within the boundaries of the District, it is to be included in this contract. Upon commencement of this contract, Task 1 and Task 2 will be combined into one contract.

The contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Enclosure A). Prior to the Director executing this contract, the contractor will sign and County Counsel will review it as to form. The recommended contract with Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC, was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Officer and your Board.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The contract contains terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

Data regarding the bidders' minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractor was selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

Proof of the required Comprehensive General and Automobile Liability insurance policies, naming the County as additional insured, evidence of Workers' Compensation insurance and performance bond will be obtained from the contractor before any work is assigned.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.201) does not apply to this recommended contract, which is not subject to Proposition A, as authority to contract for these services is expressly provided by the California Public Resources Code, Section 49019. County Counsel concurs with this determination.

The contract includes a provision for cost-of-living adjustments (in accordance with your Board Policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002), fuel cost adjustments, and solid waste facility fee adjustments in accordance with the terms of the contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

An Initial Study was prepared for the Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration (Enclosure B) was prepared. Public notice was published in the Press Telegram, Daily Breeze, and La Opinión on January 24, 2010, pursuant to the California Public Resources Code, Section 21092, and posted at the County Clerk pursuant to Section 21092.3. Copies of the draft Negative Declaration for public review were provided to the Florence Library, Mark Twain Library, Woodcrest Branch Library, East Rancho Dominguez Library, Willowbrook Library, A C Bilbrew Library, and Graham Library and are available at Public Works Headquarters in the City of Alhambra. There were no organizations or individuals who previously requested notice.

Comments were received from the Department of Regional Planning. In addition, amendments were made to CEQA and adopted by the Secretary of Natural Resources on December 30, 2009. Attachment B of the Negative Declaration consists of clarifications and revisions to the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration in response to comments received from the Department of Regional Planning and to reflect the amendments to CEQA. Responses to the Department of Regional Planning's comments were sent pursuant to Section 21092.5.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which your Board's decision is based is the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor, Alhambra, California, 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Mr. Paul Alva.

The California Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game) has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees, Section 711.4(c) of the Fish and Game Code, the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife, habitat, and does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. The CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form was approved by Fish and Game on February 25, 2010. Upon your Board's approval of the Negative Declaration, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination for the Project in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing fee with the County Clerk in the amount of \$75.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On October 29, 2009, Public Works solicited bids from 197 independent contractors and community business enterprises to accomplish this work. Also, a notice of the Invitation for Bids (IFB) was placed on the County's bid website (Enclosure C), and an advertisement was placed in the Los Angeles Times.

On December 7, 2009, three bids were received. It is recommended that this contract be awarded to the responsive, responsible, and lowest-cost bidder, Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC. The contractor has met all the minimum qualifications in accordance with the contract's specification.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of this contract will not result in the displacement of any County employees as these services are presently contracted with the private sector.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Administrative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Regional Planning

AGREEMENT FOR
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2010, by and between the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as (DISTRICT)) and CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICES, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR).

WITNESSETH

FIRST: The CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter set forth and the acceptance by the DISTRICT of the CONTRACTOR'S bid filed with the DISTRICT on December 7, 2009, hereby agrees to provide services as described in the attached specifications for services of collecting/disposing of refuse and for collecting/managing recyclable material and green waste from all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments within the DISTRICT as described herein, but not limited to, Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

SECOND: This AGREEMENT, together with Exhibit A.1, Scope of Work - Task 1, Exhibit A.2, Scope of Work – Task 2; Exhibit B, Service Contract General Requirements; Exhibit C, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015, Exhibit D, Safely Surrendered Baby Law Posters, Exhibit E, Map of Firestone Garbage Disposal District; Exhibit F, Maps of Collection Routes for the Firestone Garbage Disposal District; Exhibit G, Solid Waste Monitoring and Reporting Forms; Exhibit H, Complaint Log; Exhibit I, Bond for Faithful Performance, Exhibit J, Los Angeles County Code, Title 20, Chapter 20.90, Part 7, Firestone Garbage Disposal District; Exhibit K, Assessor Parcels and Refuse Unit, Firestone Disposal District; Exhibit L, Disposal and Diversion Quantities; Exhibit M, Public Curbside Receptacle Locations, Exhibit N, Map of Alleys, Exhibit O, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, and Exhibit P, Parent Guaranty; the CONTRACTOR'S bid, all attached hereto; the Invitation for Bids, and Addenda to the Invitation for Bids, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, are agreed by the DISTRICT and the CONTRACTOR to constitute an integral part of the Contract Documents.

THIRD: The DISTRICT agrees, in consideration of satisfactory performance of the foregoing services in strict accordance with this Contract's specifications to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works (Director) to pay the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Schedule of Prices set forth in the bid and attached hereto as Form PW-2, an amount not to exceed \$6,150,213 per year (Maximum Contract Sum), or such greater amount as the Board may approve.

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FOURTH: This Contract's initial term shall be for a period of seven years commencing on July 1, 2010. At the sole discretion of the DISTRICT, this Contract may be extended in increments of one year, not to exceed a total contract period of ten years. The DISTRICT, acting through the Director, may give a written notice of intent to extend this Contract at least 30 days prior to the end of each term.

FIFTH: In no event shall the aggregate total amount of compensation paid to the CONTRACTOR exceed the amount of compensation authorized by the Board. Such aggregate total amount is the Maximum Contract Sum.

SIXTH: The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that only the designated Public Works Contract Manager acting on behalf of the DISTRICT is authorized to request or order work under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the designated Contract Manager is not authorized to request or order any work that would result in the CONTRACTOR earning an aggregate compensation in excess of this Contract's Maximum Contract Sum.

SEVENTH: The CONTRACTOR shall not perform or accept work requests from the Contract Manager or any other person that will cause the Maximum Contract Sum of this Contract to be exceeded. The CONTRACTOR shall monitor the balance of this Contract's Maximum Contract Sum. When the total of the CONTRACTOR'S paid invoices, invoices pending payment, invoices yet to be submitted, and ordered services reaches 75 percent of the Maximum Contract Sum, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the Contract Manager in writing. The CONTRACTOR shall send written notification to the Contract Manager when this Contract is within six months from expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove.

EIGHTH: The CONTRACTOR shall have no claim against the DISTRICT for payment of any money or reimbursement of any kind whatsoever for any service provided by the CONTRACTOR after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the CONTRACTOR receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify the DISTRICT and shall immediately repay all such funds to the DISTRICT. Payment by the DISTRICT for services rendered after expiration or other termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of the DISTRICT'S right to recover such payment from the CONTRACTOR. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

NINTH. The DISTRICT may adjust the number of refuse units subject to Exhibit A.1, Section 2.A.2, Unit Counts and Payment Rates. The DISTRICT may adjust the initial monthly unit rate of compensation set forth in Form PW-2 (Schedule of Prices) subject to Exhibit A.1, Section 2.B, Petition to Adjust Monthly Unit Rate

TENTH In the event that terms and conditions, which may be listed in the CONTRACTOR'S bid, conflict with the DISTRICT'S specifications, requirements, and terms and conditions as reflected in this AGREEMENT including, but not limited to, Exhibits A through P, inclusive, the DISTRICT'S provisions shall control and be binding.

TWELFTH. A faithful performance bond, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit I, is required in a sum not less than 50 percent of the total annual Contract amount, payable to the DISTRICT, executed by a corporate surety admitted to transact business as a surety insurer in the State of California (or by the surety's agent with a notarized copy of power of attorney). The admitted surety and its agent shall have sufficient bonding limitations to provide bonds in the amount required by this Contract. The bond shall be conditioned upon faithful performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract by the CONTRACTOR in a manner that is satisfactory and acceptable to the DISTRICT. If necessary, the bond shall be renewed in a timely manner to provide for continuing liability in the above amount notwithstanding any payment or recovery thereon. Subject to DISTRICT conditions and approval, a Certificate of Deposit or an irrevocable Letter of Credit payable to the DISTRICT upon demand and in a sum not less than 50 percent of the annual Contract price may be acceptable. Failure to Maintain Coverage - Failure by the CONTRACTOR to maintain the required security shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the DISTRICT may immediately terminate or suspend this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall pay all security premiums, costs, and incidentals.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DISTRICT has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Director of Public Works, and the CONTRACTOR has subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL
DISTRICT

By _____
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL
SERVICES, LLC

By _____
Its President

Type or Print Name

By _____
Its Secretary

Type or Print Name



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT,
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND
WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

**ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT,
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND
WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Garbage Disposal District projects in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of West Athens, Westmont, Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, East Rancho Dominguez and Walnut Park was circulated for public review for 20 days and ended on February 22, 2010. During this public review period, one comment letter was received from a public agency and no comment letters were received from a private citizen. The Draft IS/ND has been revised in response to comments received from the Department of Regional Planning and to reflect amendments to the CEQA Guidelines, adopted by the Secretary for Natural Resources on December 30, 2009.

In accordance with CEQA Section 15073.5(c)(4), an environmental document must be recirculated when new significant environmental impacts are identified or new mitigation measures are required to avoid a significant impact. The addition of new information that clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications does not require recirculation. The additional information provided in the Garbage Disposal District IS/ND did not result in the identification of any new impacts or mitigation measures. Therefore, the ND does not need to be recirculated.

This Final IS/ND includes the Draft IS/ND, as well as attachments. Attachment A, Response to Comments, includes a copy of the one Draft IS/ND comment letter and corresponding responses, Attachment B, Clarifications and Revisions, includes a list of all revisions to the Draft IS/ND.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT,
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND
WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

I Location and Brief Description

This project consists of awarding contracts to private waste hauler(s) for solid waste collection services in the following three Garbage Disposal Districts (GDD). 1) Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, which encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of West Athens and Westmont; 2) Firestone GDD, which encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez; and 3) Walnut Park GDD, which encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated area of Walnut Park. Services under each of the current contracts entail separately collecting, transporting, and managing refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials, using the automated collection method, for residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments within the GDDs.

The Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD was formed in 1939, the Firestone GDD in 1941, and the Walnut Park GDD in 1942. The formation and operation of the GDDs are consistent with the requirements of Sections 49000 through 49195 of the Public Resources Code. Fees for the solid waste collection services are assessed to property owners through the annual property tax bill.

Pursuant to Sections 49018 and 49019 of the Public Resources Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of the GDDs and may make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the administration and government of the GDDs, and for the collection and disposal of garbage and other refuse matter in the GDDs. The Board of Supervisors may enter into contracts for the disposal of garbage and other refuse matter. Contractual services for the automated and separate collection and management of refuse, green waste, and recyclables in the GDD's are consistent with the County's waste diversion efforts in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 40059 and Assembly Bill 939.

Solid waste collection services in the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD, are currently conducted through separate contracts with private waste hauling companies for each of the GDDs. All three of the current contracts are set to expire on June 30, 2010, for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works issued Invitations for Bids to permitted waste haulers for the next solid waste collection service contracts for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD, on October 30, 2009.

These contracts will be awarded to the waste hauling companies that are determined to be the lowest responsible bidder(s), and the new contracts will commence on July 1, 2010. Services will continue to entail automated and separate collections of refuse, green waste, and recyclables, from residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments in the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD.

II Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

No significant effects are identified.

III Finding of No Significant Effect

Based on the attached Initial Study and Discussion of Environmental Factors, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

1. **Project Title:** Contract renewal for solid waste collection services in the following three Garbage Disposal Districts (GDD): Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita, Firestone, and Walnut Park GDDs.
2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Ms. Emiko Thompson at (626) 458-3521
4. **Project Location:** County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of West Athens, Westmont, Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, East Rancho Dominguez, and Walnut Park.
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
6. **General Plan Designation:** The Los Angeles County General Plan, Walnut Park Community Plan (1987), West Athens Woodcrest Community Plan (1990)
7. **Zoning:** The project areas are zoned according to the following:

Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD

A-1 Light Agriculture, B-1 Buffer Strip, C-1 Restricted Business, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial; C-3-DP Unlimited Commercial Development Program, R-2 Two Family Residence; R-3 Limited Multiple Residence; R-1 Single Family Residence, RPD-5000-10U Residential Planned Development; R-3-20U Limited Multiple Residence, R-3-P Limited Multiple Residence Parking; O-S Open Space, C-M Commercial Manufacturing; C-R Commercial Recreation.

Firestone GDD

Detail A.

A-1 Light Agriculture, M-2 Heavy Manufacturing; M-1 Light Manufacturing; R-2 Two Family Residence, R-3 Limited Multiple Residence; O-S Open Space, C-3 Unlimited Commercial; R-4 Unlimited Residence, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-M Commercial Manufacturing; A-1 Light Agriculture, M-1 5 Restricted Heavy Manufacturing, R-3-12U Limited Multiple Residence

Detail B.

R-1 Single Family Residence; R-2 Two Family Residence, R-3 Limited Multiple Residence; M-1 Light Manufacturing; M-2 Heavy Manufacturing, M-1-DP Light Manufacturing Development Program, C-2-DP Neighborhood Business Development Program, C-1 Restricted Business, C-2 Neighborhood Business, CPD Commercial Planned Development; R-3-25U Limited Multiple Residence; R-3-P Limited Multiple Residence Parking, P-R Restricted Parking, O-S Open

Space; C-2-CRS Neighborhood Business Commercial-Residential; B-1 Buffer Strip, B-1-DP Buffer Strip Development Program, R-1-P Single Family Residence Parking, B-2 Corner Buffer; C-M-DP Commercial Manufacturing Development Program, C-3 Unlimited Commercial; R-1-5000 Single Family Residence, R-3-20U Limited Multiple Residence.

Detail C

R-1 Single Family Residence, A-1 Light Agriculture, R-3 Limited Multiple Residence; C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial; O-S Open Space, R-3-DP Limited Multiple Residence Development Program

Walnut Park GDD

C-3 Unlimited Commercial; R-1 Single Family Residence, R-1-P Single Family Residence Parking, R-2 Two Family Residence, C-3-CRS Unlimited Commercial-Residential; R-3-NR Limited Multiple Residence, M-2 Heavy Manufacturing, IT Institutional.

8. **Description of Project:** This project consists of awarding contracts by the County of Los Angeles to private waste hauler(s) for solid waste collection services in the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD. Services under the current and new contract entail separately collecting, transporting, and managing refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials, using the automated collection method, for residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments.

All refuse, green waste and recyclable materials will be collected once per week for single family residences, and up to twice per week for hotels/motels and multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments having property use classifications of five or more refuse units as set forth in Table 1, of Sections 20 90 060, 20.90 350, and 20 90 650 of the Los Angeles County Code, for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD, respectively. Commercial food establishments will be provided with daily collections except for Sundays and holidays.

The Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD was formed in 1939, the Firestone GDD in 1941, and the Walnut Park GDD in 1942. The formation and operation of the GDDs are consistent with the requirements of Sections 49000 through 49195 of the Public Resources Code. Fees for the solid waste collection services are assessed to property owners through the annual property tax bill.

Solid waste collection services in the GDDs are facilitated through service contracts with private waste haulers. Contract requirements include provisions to separately collect refuse, green waste, and recyclables, in an effort to increase recycling, preserve landfill capacity, and conserve environmental resources. These efforts are consistent with the State's waste reduction mandate (AB 939) to divert waste from disposal in landfills.

The contracts stipulate that the waste haulers provide solid waste collection services in each GDD in accordance with the laws governing the safe collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of residential and commercial/industrial solid waste

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Settings:

A. Project Site - The project is located in the following areas

Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of West Athens and Westmont. The area consists of single family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. There are approximately 7,100 parcels of real property with an estimated population of 45,100

Firestone GDD encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez. The area consists of single family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. There are approximately 19,800 parcels of real property with an estimated population of 121,700.

Walnut Park GDD encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated area of Walnut Park. The area consists of single family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. There are approximately 3,000 parcels of real property with an estimated population of 17,200

B. Surrounding Properties – The project is surrounded by the following cities.

Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD is surrounded by the Cities of Los Angeles, Gardena, Hawthorne, and Inglewood, which consist of similar properties.

The Firestone GDD is surrounded by the Cities of Los Angeles, Vernon, Huntington Park, South Gate, Lynwood and Compton, which consist of similar properties

The Walnut Park GDD is surrounded by the Cities of Huntington Park and South Gate, which consist of similar properties.

10. Other agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed): None

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise
<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a potentially significant impact or potentially significant unless mitigated impact on the environment, but at least one effect a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Paul Alva
Printed Name

Date

LACDPW
For

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1 A brief explanation is required for all answers, except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2 All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3 "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4 "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5 Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6 Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references, information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans and zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

		Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?				X
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X
II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:					
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?				X
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?				X
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				X
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
III. AIR QUALITY - Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				X

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	b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			X	
	c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for zone precursors)?				X
	d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				X
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			X	

IV BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
	d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
	f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan; or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan?				X

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in ' 15064.5?				X
	b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to ' 15064 5?				X

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	c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X
	d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				X
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:						
	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a know fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				X
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?				X
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				X
	iv)	Landslides?				X
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				X
	c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				X
	d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				X
	e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X
VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Would the project:						
	a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				X
	b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				X
VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:						
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				X

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	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
	d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
	h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X
IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:						
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
	b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
	c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
	d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X
	e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				X
	f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X

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	g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				X
	h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X
	i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X
	j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X
X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:						
	a)	Physically divide an established community?				X
	b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X
XI. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:						
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?				X
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				X
XII. NOISE - Would the project result in:						
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?				X
	b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X	
	c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X	
	d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X	

			Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:						
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES						
	a)	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
		Fire protection?				X
		Police protection?				X
		Schools?				X
		Parks?				X
		Other public facilities?				X
XV. RECREATION-						
	a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X
	b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X
XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:						

			Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				X
	b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
	c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
	d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
	e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
	f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				X
XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:						
	a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
	b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
	c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
	d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X
	e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
	f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?			X	
	g)	Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X	

			Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE						
	a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X
	b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				X
	c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X
XIX. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO MITIGATE SIGNIFICANCE EFFECTS						
<p>Section 15041 (a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act guidelines states that a lead agency for a project has authority to require changes in any or all activities involved in the project in order to lessen or avoid significant effects on the environment. No significant effects have been identified.</p>						

DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:

a) *Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?*

No Impact. The proposed project consists of awarding service contracts by the County of Los Angeles to private waste hauler(s) for the automated collection, transportation, and management of refuse, green waste, and recyclable material from residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments within the following three Garbage Disposal Districts (GDDs): Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD, Firestone GDD, and Walnut Park GDD. The project would not have an adverse effect on any scenic vistas. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that the coastline, mountain vistas, hillsides and ridgelines, scenic corridors and routes are significant resources for residents and businesses. The Open Space and Conservation element of the General Plan addresses the desire of the County to preserve these scenic areas, vistas, and roadways. There are no scenic resources designated by the County General Plan or by the Community Plans in the areas of the Firestone GDD, Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita GDD and Walnut Park GDD. The project will have no impact on scenic vistas.

b) *Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?*

No Impact. There are no designated State scenic highways near the project area. The closest State scenic highway is Angeles Crest Highway located approximately 12 miles north of the Firestone GDD. The proposed project would not damage any scenic resources. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to take place

within or adjacent to public roadways in developed residential and commercial areas.

- c) ***Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?***

No Impact. The proposed project would not degrade the existing visual character or quality of sites in the GDDs and surrounding areas. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- d) ***Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?***

No Impact. The proposed project would not create any new sources of light or glare. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection operations at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

II. **AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES - Would the project:**

- a) ***Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?***

No impact. The proposed project would not convert any farmlands, nor change any land uses. No construction is proposed, and the project areas are not utilized for agricultural purposes or as farmland.

- b) ***Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?***

No impact. The proposed project would not conflict with any existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract. No construction is proposed, and the project areas are not utilized for agricultural purposes.

- c) ***Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?***

No impact. The proposed project will not conflict with existing zoning or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production.

- d) ***Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?***

No impact. The proposed project will not result in the loss of forest land or the conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

- e) ***Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?***

No impact. The proposed project would not involve any conversions of farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. No construction or changes in land use are proposed.

III. **AIR QUALITY - Would the project:**

- a) ***Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?***

No Impact. The project is located in the South Coast Air Basin. The South Coast Air Basin is in non-attainment for ozone, PM10, and PM2.5. The project would conflict with or obstruct implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan if it prevented the attainment goals of the plan.

The proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan. Solid waste collection services in each of the GDDs are facilitated through service contracts with private waste hauler(s). The contracts require the waste haulers to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as diesel particulate matter control measures for solid waste collection vehicles as set forth in Article 4 of Chapter 1, Division 3, Title 13, California Code of Regulations. The project would not contribute emissions of ozone and particulate matter beyond that projected by the plan.

- b) ***Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?***

Less than significant impact. The proposed project would not violate any air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or

compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001

Global Climate Change

There will be a reduction in the production of greenhouse gases due to the conversion from diesel to alternate fuels for vehicles associated with the proposed project. The impact on global warming will be less than significant and the project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32

- c) ***Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?***

No impact. This project will not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in pollutants. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001

- d) ***Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?***

No impact. This project will not result in the exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001

- e) ***Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?***

Less than significant impact. The proposed project would not significantly create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials will be collected

once per week from single-family residences, and up to twice per week from hotels/motels, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments. Commercial food establishments will be provided with daily collections except for Sundays and holidays. Prior to collections by the waste hauler(s), solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids. Any odors associated with the solid waste collection operations would be temporary and transitory in nature.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

- a) *Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?***

No impact. The surrounding area consists of single-family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is similar in urban character. There are no biological habitat preservation or conservation plans in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- b) *Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?***

No impact. Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is similar in urban character. No riparian habitats or other sensitive natural communities are identified in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- c) ***Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?***

No impact. The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any Federally protected wetlands due to any direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. No construction is proposed in this project, and solid waste collection activities would continue to take place within or adjacent to public roadways.

- d) ***Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?***

No impact. The proposed project would not interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in

the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- e) ***Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?***

No impact. Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is similar in urban character. There are no policies or ordinances protecting biological resources in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- f) ***Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?***

No impact. The proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of any applicable Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

V. **CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:**

- a) ***Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?***

No impact. The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. No physical alterations, destruction, relocation, or utilization of any historical resources or its immediate surroundings are proposed.

- b-d) ***Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; directly or***

indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; or disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

No impact. The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; or disturb any human remains. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

a) *Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:*

- i) *Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.***
- ii) *Strong seismic ground shaking?***
- iii) *Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?***
- iv) *Landslides?***

No impact. The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving ruptures of a known earthquake fault, strong seismic ground shaking, seismic-related ground failure, or landslides. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

b) *Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?*

No impact. The proposed project would not result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. The project does not involve excavation. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

c) *Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?*

No impact. The proposed project would not result in any on-site or off-site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse due to soil instability. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- d) ***Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?***

No impact. The proposed project would not create risks to life or property due to expansive soil. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- e) ***Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?***

No impact. The project does not propose the use or construction of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. In addition, the project will not involve soils incapable of supporting septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. The proposed project would not affect soil stabilities and the support of any septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for disposal of waste water.

VII. **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** - Would the project:

- a) ***Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?***

No impact. On September 27, 2006, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was enacted by the State of California in order to address global climate change by reducing greenhouse gases. Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) limits California's Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emissions for 2020 based on 1990 emission levels and directs California Air Resources Board to develop significance thresholds. Gases known to contribute to the Greenhouse Effect are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), ozone, nitrous oxide (N₂O), water vapor, hydrofluorocarbons, chlorofluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. According to the report "California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990 to 2004", the principal greenhouse gas in California is carbon dioxide accounting for over 80 percent of the GHG emissions.

There will be a reduction in the production of greenhouse gases due to the conversion from diesel to alternate fuels for vehicles associated with the proposed project. The impact on global warming will be less than significant and the project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32

b) *Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?*

No impact. The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The proposed project would comply with all applicable policies, ordinances, and regulations adopted by the County of Los Angeles that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed project would not introduce new sources of greenhouse gas emitters, nor would the proposed project create a new use that would attract vehicle trips that otherwise would not occur. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

a) *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?*

No impact. The proposed project would not involve routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The contract specifically excludes collection of any hazardous materials by the waste hauler(s) from residential, business, and commercial properties within the GDDs. Materials collected would consist of refuse, recyclable materials, green waste, and bulky items such as furniture and refrigerators, and electronics which are collected and managed in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1, Section 66273.1 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. The discards collected from the GDDs would be transported to permitted solid waste management facilities in the region.

b-c) *Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment or emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances or wastes within one quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?*

No impact. The proposed project would not involve routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The contract specifically excludes collection of any hazardous materials by the waste hauler(s) from residential, business, and commercial properties within each GDD. Materials collected would consist of refuse, recyclable materials, green waste, bulky items such as furniture and refrigerators, and electronics which are collected and managed in accordance with Title 22, Division

4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1, Section 66273.1 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. Furthermore, the proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

- d) ***Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?***

No impact. The proposed project would not be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- e) ***For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?***

No impact. The GDDs are not located with an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport, and the project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. Waste collection activities would continue in residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- f) ***For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?***

No impact. None of the GDDs are located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, and the proposed project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. Waste collection activities would continue in residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- g) ***Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?***

No impact. The proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or

emergency evacuation plan. Waste collection activities would continue in residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. There will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to maintain the existing collection routes, and the County may change the collection routes or schedules to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes.

- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?***

No impact. The proposed project would not expose people or structures to risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. Each GDD consists of densely developed urban areas. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?***

No impact. The proposed project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs. Solid waste would be collected by automated collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during collection activities.

- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in***

aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

No impact. The proposed project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level, since the project would not involve the use of any substantial amounts of water

- c) ***Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?***

No impact. The proposed project would not result in erosion or siltation on- or off-site since the project would not include activities that would change any existing drainage patterns in the GDDs or surrounding areas.

- d) ***Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?***

No impact. The proposed project does not involve construction. The project is renewal of existing garbage collection services. The collection activity will occur in streets and alleys of the neighborhood communities, and disposal activity in certified landfills. The project will not alter the course of a stream or river, or increase the rate of surface runoff in a manner that will result in flooding. The proposed project would not alter the existing drainage pattern in the GDDs or increase the rate of runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site.

- e) ***Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?***

No impact. The proposed project would not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems in the GDDs or provide additional sources of polluted runoff. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs. Solid waste would continue to be collected by automated

collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during collection activities.

f) *Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?*

No impact. The proposed project would not otherwise degrade water quality in each GDD. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs. Solid waste would continue to be collected by automated collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during collection activities.

g) *Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?*

No impact. The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of any housing.

h) *Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?*

No impact. The proposed project does not involve any construction or the placement of any structures that would impede or redirect flood flows.

i) *Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?*

No impact. The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to a risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding.

j) *Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?*

No impact. The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:

a) *Physically divide an established community?*

No impact. The proposed project would not physically divide an established community. No construction or demolition is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

b) *Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?*

No impact. The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

c) *Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?*

No impact. The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

a) *Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?*

No impact. There are no known mineral resources of value to the region and residents of the state in the project area. The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the state.

- b) ***Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?***

No impact. There are no mineral resource recovery sites delineated on the General Plan for the Florence area or in the Athens/Westmont Community Plan or Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan. The project does not involve constriction or change in land use. The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan

XII. NOISE - Would the project result in.

- a) ***Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?***

No impact. The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the County general plan, the County noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. Solid waste collection operations at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

- b) ***Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?***

Less than significant impact. The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. Solid waste collection operations at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and any noise generated from the collection vehicles would be transitory in nature

- c-d) ***A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?***

Less than significant impact. The proposed project would not result in a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. Solid waste collection operations at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and any noise generated from the collection vehicles would be transitory in nature.

- e-f) *For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels or for a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?***

No impact. None of the GDDs are within the planning boundaries of the adopted Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan or within the vicinity of any known private airstrips.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:

- a) *Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?***

No impact. The proposed project would not induce population growth, either directly or indirectly. No construction or change in use is proposed.

- b-c) *Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, or displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?***

No impact. The proposed project would not displace existing housing or people. No construction, demolition, or change in use is proposed.

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICE - Would the project:

- a) *Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered***

governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: Fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, other public facilities?

No impact. The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered fire protection, police protection, school, park, or other public facilities. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

XV. RECREATION - Would the project:

- a) *Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

No impact. The project does not involve the use or construction of recreational or park facilities. The proposed project would not increase the use of existing parks or other recreational facilities. Waste collection activities would continue to take place within or adjacent to public roadways for residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments.

- b) *Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?***

No impact. The project does not involve the use or construction of recreational or park facilities. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:

- a) *Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit***

No impact. The proposed project does not conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance or policy established measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system in this area. Waste collection

activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The private waste haulers are required to maintain the current collection routes, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- b) *Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?***

No impact. The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable congestion management program established by the County Congestions Management Agency for designated roads or highways. The County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) applies to projects that have the potential to generate a minimum of 50 vehicle trips through a CMP intersection. The proposed project does not have the potential to generate 50 or more trips through a CMP intersection.

- c) *Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?***

No impact. The project does not involve air traffic. Garbage is collected with trucks on streets and alleys of the communities. The project will have no impact on air traffic patterns or changes in location that result in substantial safety risks.

- d) *Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?***

No impact. The proposed project would not increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. There will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

- e) *Result in inadequate emergency access?***

No impact. The proposed project would not result in inadequate emergency access since no changes in emergency access would occur as a result of the project. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and streets in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste

hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs. In addition, the contract obligates the waste hauler to maintain the current collection routes, and the County may change the collection routes and schedules to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes.

- f) *Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?***

No impact. The project is renewal of existing garbage collection contracts. The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:

- a) *Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?***

No impact. The proposed project would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board. No construction is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- b) *Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?***

No impact. The proposed project would not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities since the project would not involve new water usage or discharge of wastewater.

- c) *Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?***

No impact. The proposed project would not result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities. The proposed project would not increase any storm water runoff that would affect existing or planned storm water drainage systems. No construction is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

- d) ***Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?***

No impact. The proposed project would not necessitate any water supplies to serve the project from any existing entitlements and resources, nor necessitate any new or expanded entitlements.

- e) ***Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?***

No impact. The proposed project would not result in any capacity determinations made by any wastewater treatment provider since the project would not increase any waste water discharges.

- f-g) ***Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs and comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?***

Less than significant impact. The proposed project would be served by landfills with sufficient permitted capacities to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs and comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste management. The project contract requires compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to solid waste collection, and provides for waste haulers to submit documentation for the utilization of approved solid waste facilities. Additionally, the project would incorporate service activities and components designed to promote recycling and waste reduction, thereby decreasing the quantities of solid waste disposal into landfills.

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE -

- a) ***Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?***

No impact. The proposed project would not degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the

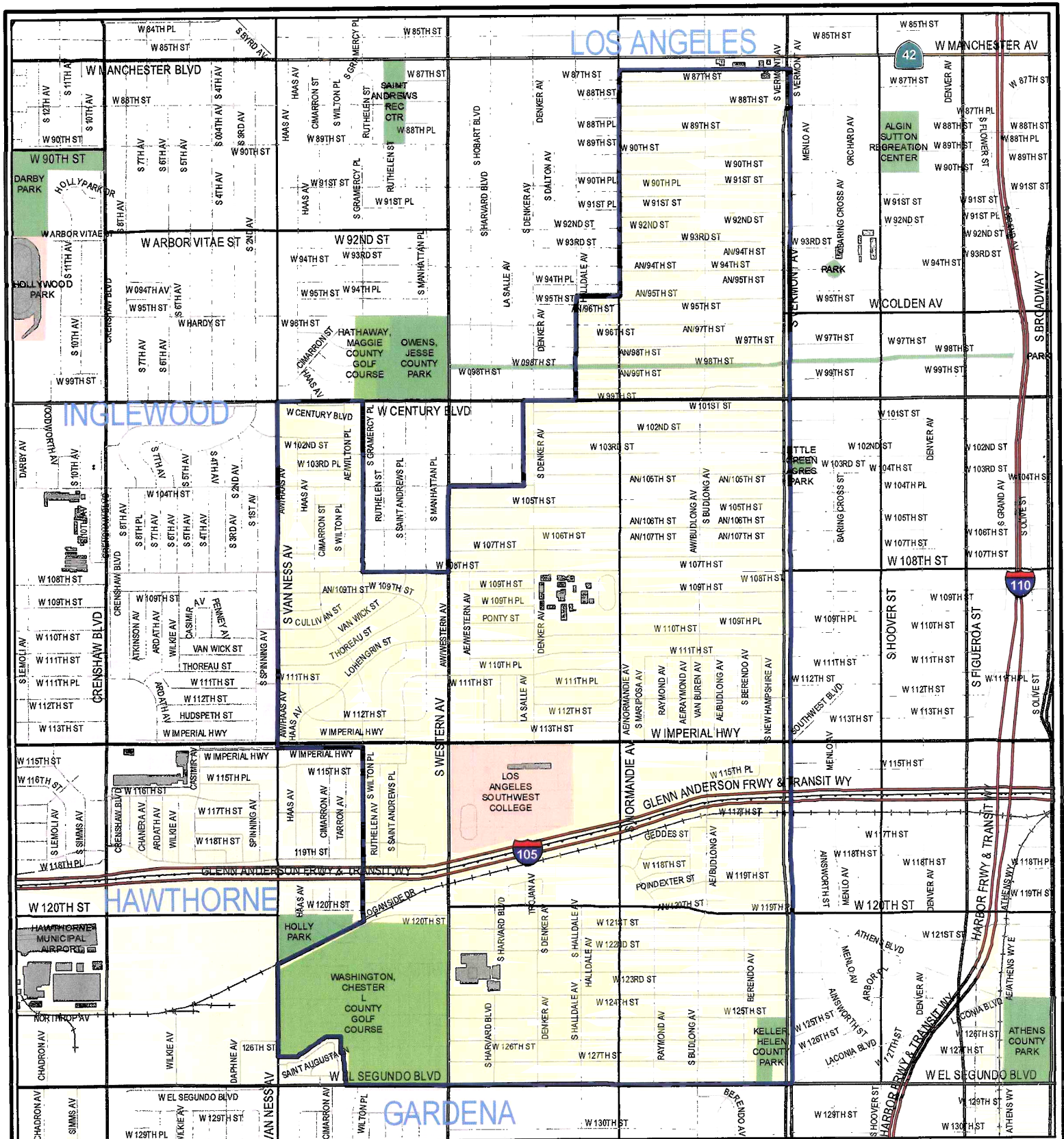
range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects?)**

No impact. The proposed project would not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

- c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?**

No impact. The proposed project would not have environmental effects, which will cause adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. There will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.



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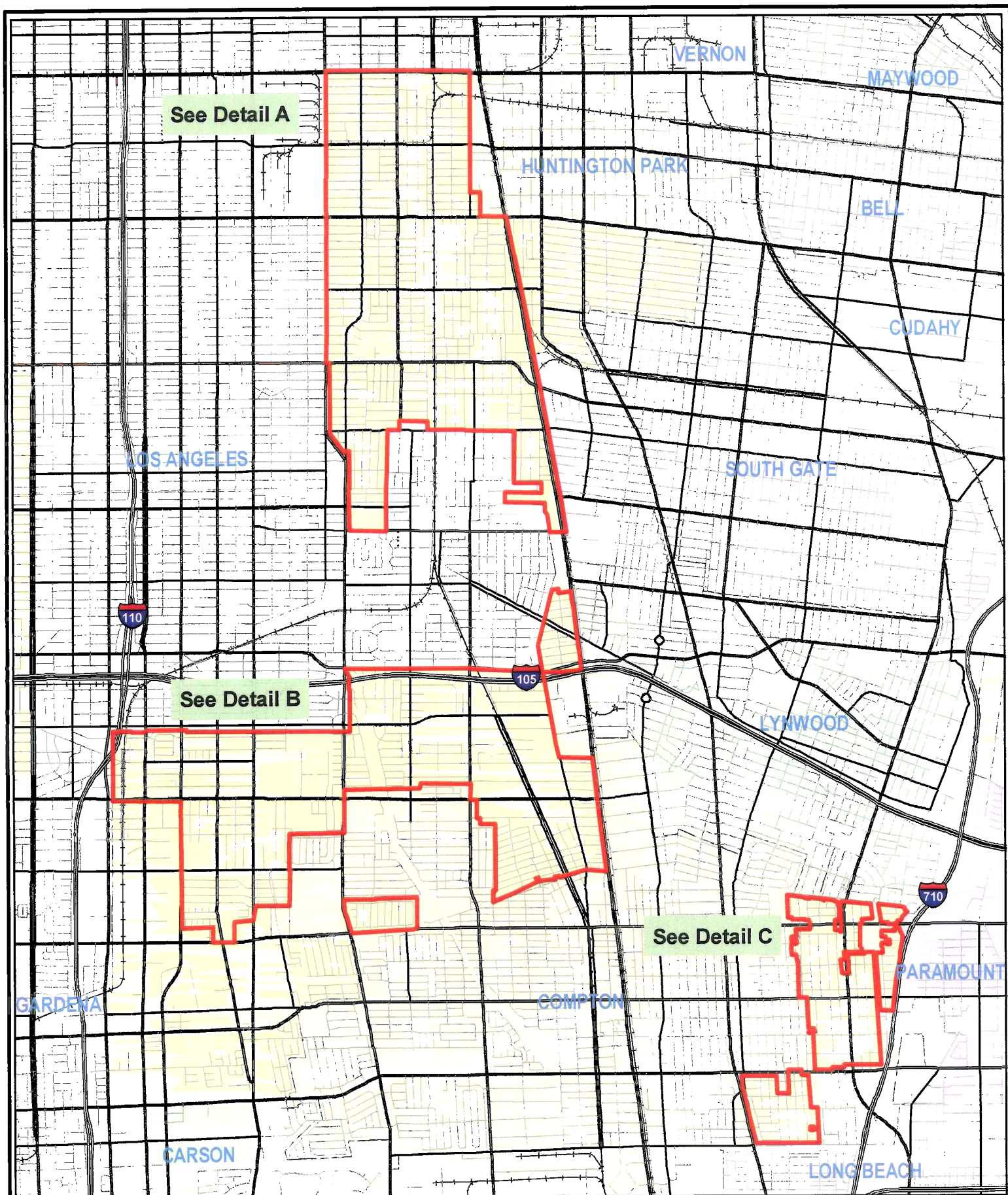
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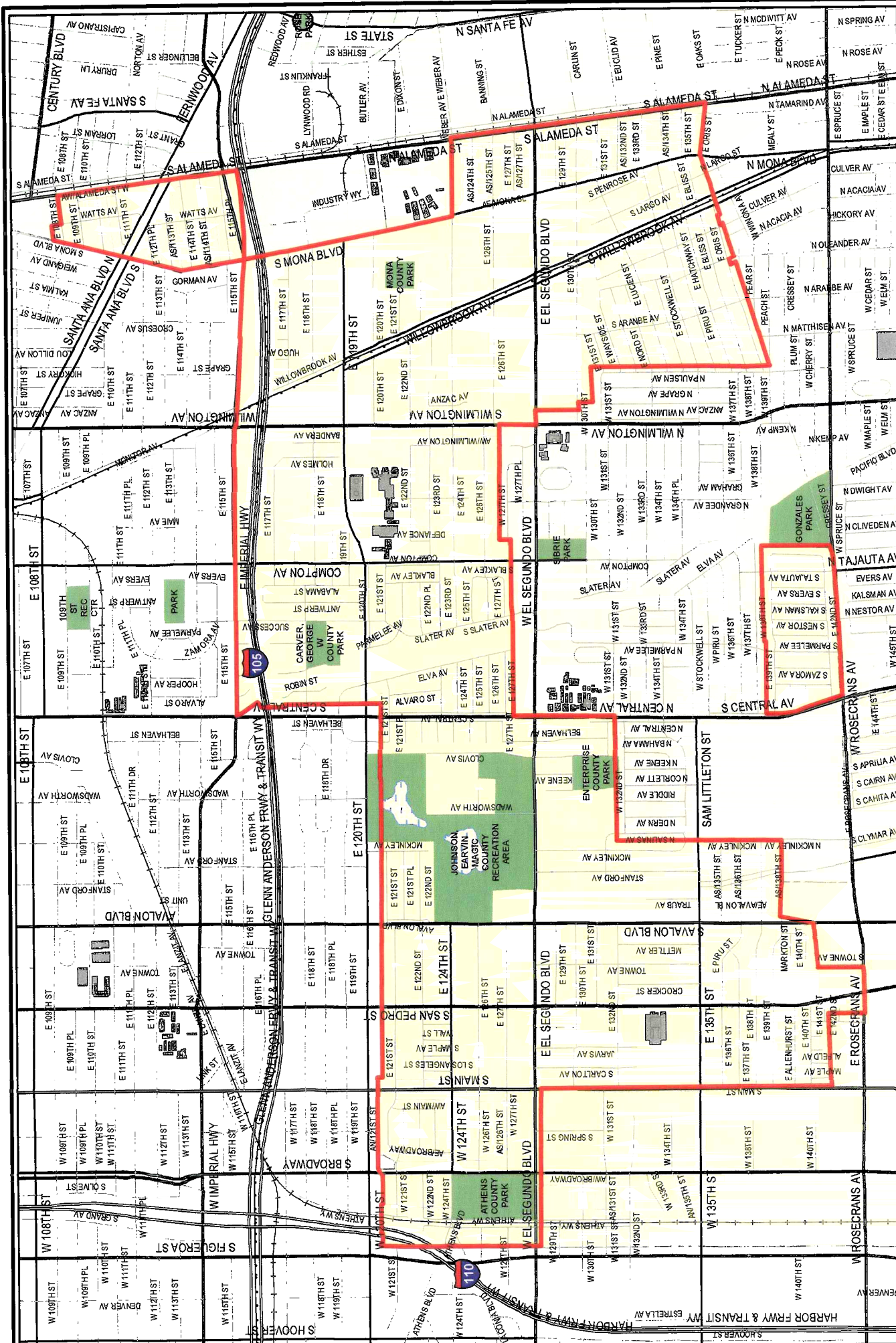
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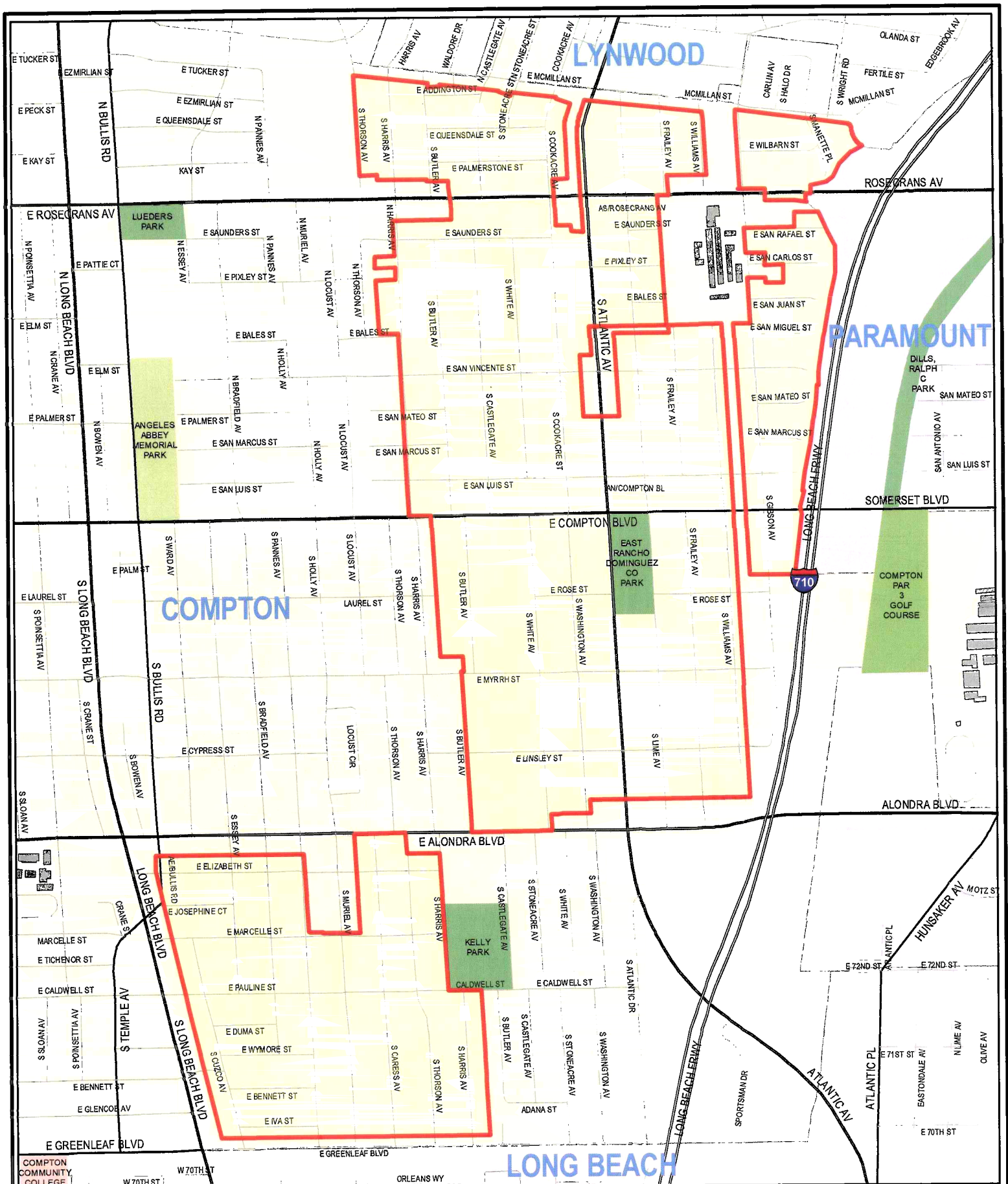
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Detail B Firestone Garbage Disposal District

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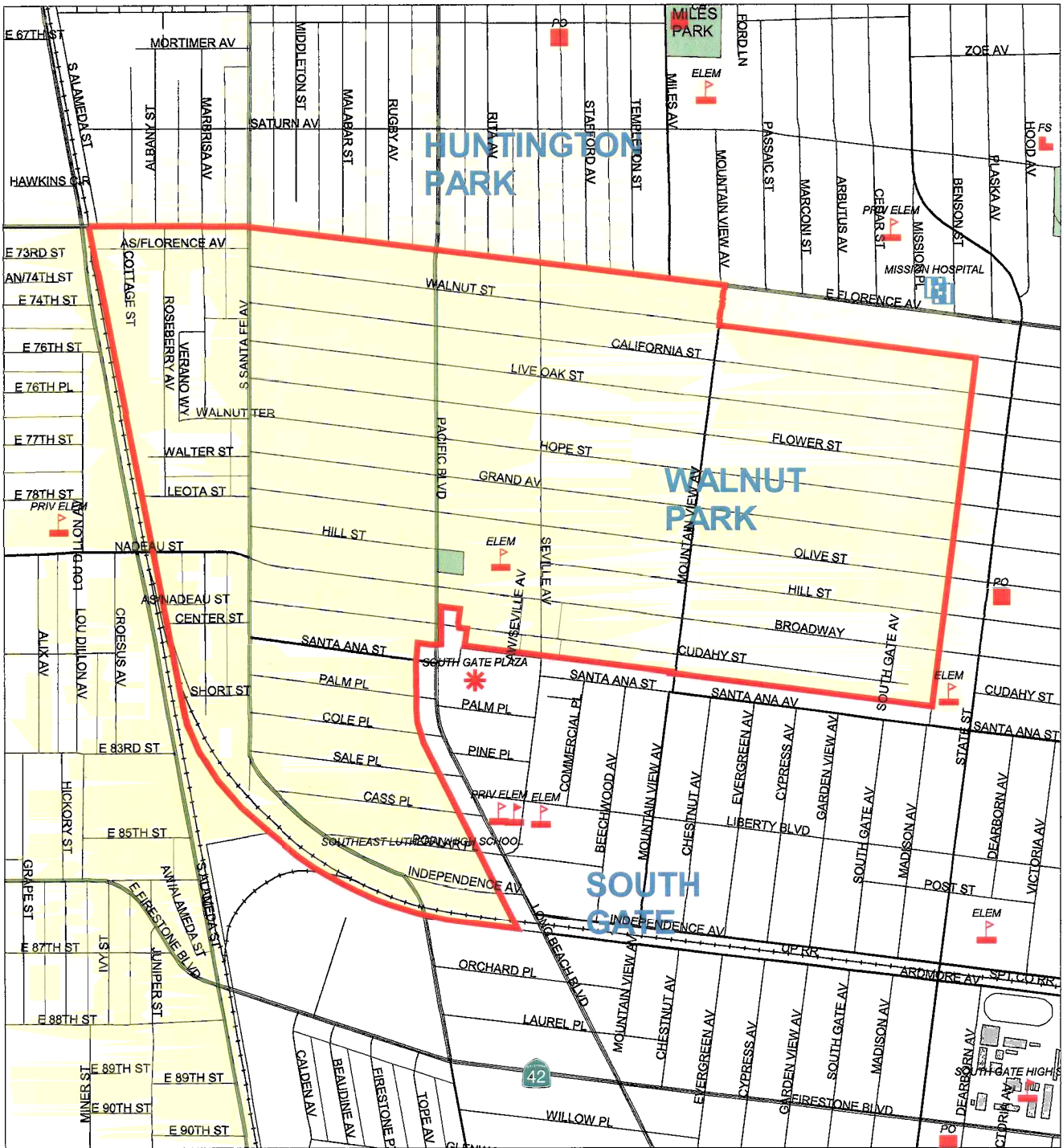
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WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT



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ATTACHMENT A



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March 18, 2010

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TO: Richard J Bruckner
Director of Planning
Department of Regional Planning

Attention Christina Tran
Impact Analysis Section

FROM: Gail Farber
Department of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Farber", is written over the "FROM:" line.

ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA, FIRESTONE, AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is in response to your February 15, 2010, e-mail (copy attached) regarding the review of our Negative Declaration on the subject project.

Thank you for your review and comments on the draft Negative Declaration for the Garbage Disposal District projects in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of West Athens, Westmont, Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, East Rancho Dominguez, and Walnut Park. We have noted your comments, which will be included as part of the final Negative Declaration.

We anticipate certification of the final Negative Declaration by April 20, 2010. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Paul Alva of the Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3573, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.

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Alva, Paul

From: Thompson, Emiko
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:56 AM
To: 'Tran, Christina'
Cc: Alva, Paul; Villa, Juan
Subject: RE: Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita, Firestone, and Walnut Park Garbage Disposal Districts

Christina,

Thank you for your comments regarding our draft Negative Declaration for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita, Firestone, and Walnut Park Garbage Disposal Districts.

We appreciate your review and suggestions.

Emiko Thompson
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Environmental Programs Division

From: Tran, Christina [mailto:ctran@planning.lacounty.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:10 PM
To: Thompson, Emiko
Subject: Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita, Firestone, and Walnut Park Garbage Disposal Districts

Hello Ms. Thompson,

The Department of Regional Planning received DPW's letter of 1/20/10 requesting that we provide our comments on the Draft Negative Declaration (ND) for the above-referenced project. The Impact Analysis Section has reviewed the Draft ND and have the following minor comments/suggestions:

1. Under answer e) of the Air Quality factor (III), perhaps add collection for restaurant/food service establishment would occur more frequently/daily as stated elsewhere in the document.
2. Under Biological Resources (IV), perhaps state that these areas are densely developed/urbanized areas and whether the areas contain sensitive biological resources. The answer provided to question f is merely a restatement of the question in the negative. The answer should briefly explain why (whether there are no applicable plans, etc.)
3. Under answer 3) of Geology & Soils (VI), it is merely a restatement of the question in the negative. The answer should briefly explain why (whether the project does not propose/involve use of septic tanks, etc.)
4. Answer d) under Hydrology & Water Quality (VIII) should briefly explain why.
5. Answers under Mineral Resources (X) should briefly explain why (whether there are no known or designated mineral resources in the area, no construction or change in land use, etc.)
6. For answer a) under Recreation (XIV), may want to add that the propose project would not include activities that would involve/include use of parks/recreational facilities
7. For answer c) under Traffic (XV), although the provided answer is obvious, may want to briefly state why for clarity (use will only involve surface traffic and not air traffic?). Answer g) should also briefly explain why

Overall, the document is internally consistent and well explained and supported. The above suggestions would help to clarify or strengthen some of the analyses. Please feel free to email me should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Christina Tran
Impact Analysis Section

ATTACHMENT B CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTE TO READER:

The following clarifications and revisions are intended to update the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) in response to comments received during the public review period and to reflect amendments to the CEQA Guidelines, adopted by the Secretary of Natural Resources on December 30, 2009. These changes, which have been incorporated into the Draft IS/ND, constitute the Final IS/ND, to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors for certification and approval. These clarifications and modifications clarify, amplify or make insignificant changes to the IS/ND. Revisions to the IS/ND have not resulted in new significant impacts or mitigation measures, nor has the severity of an impact increased. Recirculation of the IS/ND is not required pursuant to Section 15073.5 (c) (4) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS:

II AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

The title of the section has been revised and the following text has been added to the end of the section directions

II AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

The following questions and answers have been added to the section and question c) has been changed to question e) with added text:

- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

The proposed project will not conflict with existing zoning or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production.

- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

The proposed project will not result in the loss of forest land or the conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

- e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

The proposed project would not involve any conversions of farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. No construction or changes in land use are proposed

III AIR QUALITY

Question b) has been revised to read

- b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

The proposed project would not violate any air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001

Global Climate Change

There will be a reduction in the production of greenhouse gases due to the conversion from diesel to alternate fuels for vehicles associated with the proposed project. The impact on global warming will be less than significant and the project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32

Question e) has been revised to read:

- e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

The proposed project would not significantly create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. ~~Collections would occur~~ Refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials will be collected once per week from single-family residences, and up to twice per week from hotels/motels, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments. Commercial food establishments will be provided with daily collections except for Sundays and holidays. Prior to collections by the waste hauler(s), solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids. Any odors associated with the solid waste collection operations would be temporary and transitory in nature.

IV BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Question a) has been revised to read

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U S Fish and Wildlife Service?

The surrounding area consists of single-family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is similar in urban character. There are no biological habitat preservation or conservation plans in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U S Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to

those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

Question b) has been revised to read

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U S Fish and Wildlife Service?

Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is similar in urban character. No riparian habitats or other sensitive natural communities are identified in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U S Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

Question e) has been revised to read

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

Per the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1990, the Athens area is an urban, residential community. Per the Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in September, 1987, Walnut Park is an urban community. The Firestone GDD area, comprised of the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, and East Rancho Dominguez, is

similar in urban character. There are no policies or ordinances protecting biological resources in the General Plan for Florence, Graham, Willowbrook, or East Rancho Dominguez, or the Community Plan for Athens/Westmont, or the Neighborhood Plan for Walnut Park.

The proposed project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at residences, multi-family residences, businesses, commercial/industrial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to those currently collected in the GDDs, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

VI GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Question b) has been revised to read

- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

The proposed project would not result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. The project does not involve excavation. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs.

Question e) has been revised to read

- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

The project does not propose the use or construction of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. In addition, the project will not involve soils incapable of supporting septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. The proposed project would not affect soil stabilities and the support of any septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for disposal of waste water

VII GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

This section was added after VI. Geology and Soils and subsequently modified the section title numbers throughout the document:

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Would the project:

- a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

On September 27, 2006, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was enacted by the State of California in order to address global climate change by reducing greenhouse gases. Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) limits California's Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emissions for 2020 based on 1990 emission levels and directs California Air Resources Board to develop significance thresholds. Gases known to contribute to the Greenhouse Effect are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), ozone, nitrous oxide (N₂O), water vapor, hydrofluorocarbons, chlorofluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. According to the report "California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990 to 2004", the principal greenhouse gas in California is carbon dioxide accounting for over 80 percent of the GHG emissions.

There will be a reduction in the production of greenhouse gases due to the conversion from diesel to alternate fuels for vehicles associated with the proposed project. The impact on global warming will be less than significant and the project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32.

- b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The proposed project would comply with all applicable policies, ordinances, and regulations adopted by the County of Los Angeles that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed project would not introduce new sources of greenhouse gas emitters, nor would the proposed project create a new use that would attract vehicle trips that otherwise would not occur. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact.

IX HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Question d) has been revised to read:

- d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

The proposed project does not involve construction. The project is renewal of existing garbage collection services. The collection activity will occur in streets and alleys of the neighborhood communities, and disposal activity in certified landfills. The project will not alter the course of a stream or river, or increase the rate of surface runoff in a manner that will result in flooding. The proposed project would not alter the existing drainage pattern in the GDDs or increase the rate of runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site.

XI MINERAL RESOURCES

This section has been revised to read

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?

There are no known mineral resources of value to the region and residents of the state in the project area. The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the state.

- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?

There are no mineral resource recovery sites delineated on the General Plan or in the Athens/Westmont Community Plan or Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan. The project does not involve constriction or change in land use. The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan

XV RECREATION

This section has been revised to read

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

The project does not involve the use or construction of recreational or park facilities. The proposed project would not increase the use of existing parks or other recreational facilities. Waste collection activities would continue to take place within or adjacent to public roadways for residences, multi-family residences, businesses, and commercial/industrial establishments.

- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

The project does not involve the use or construction of recreational or park facilities. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities.

XVI TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Question a) had been revised to read:

- a) ~~Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?~~ Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

~~The proposed project would not result in an increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections.~~ The proposed project does not conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance or policy established measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system in this area. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. The private waste haulers are required to maintain the current collection routes, and there will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.

Question b) had been revised to read:

- b) ~~Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a~~ Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

~~The proposed project would not exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion~~

~~Management Agency for designated roads or highways. The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable congestion management program established by the County Congestions Management Agency for designated roads or highways.~~ The County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) applies to projects that have the potential to generate a minimum of 50 vehicle trips through a CMP intersection. The proposed project does not have the potential to generate 50 or more trips through a CMP intersection.

Question c) has been revised to read:

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

~~The proposed project would not result in a change in air traffic patterns. The project does not involve air traffic. Garbage is collected with trucks on streets and alleys of the communities. The project will have no impact on air traffic patterns or changes in location that result in substantial safety risks.~~

Question f) has been deleted from the document:

- ~~f) **Result in inadequate parking capacity?**~~

~~**No impact.** The proposed project would not result in inadequate parking capacity. The project would not increase the need for parking nor result in any changes to existing parking patterns. Waste collection services would continue at residential, business, and commercial areas and public roadways in a manner similar to those currently provided in the GDDs. There will be no increases in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within each of the GDDs.~~

Question g) has been changed to f) and revised to read:

- f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

~~The proposed project would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation. The project is renewal of existing garbage collection contracts. The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities.~~

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Attached is the language for the 2010 trailer bill that we got from the Department of Finance.

Bid Detail Information

Bid Number : PW-ASD 769
Bid Title : FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Bid Type : Service
Department : Public Works
Commodity : GARBAGE/TRASH REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE
Open Date : 10/29/2009
Closing Date : 11/10/2009 2:00 PM
Bid Amount : \$ 8,450,000
Bid Download : Not Available
Bid Description : PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works invites bids for a contract for garbage disposal services in the Firestone Garbage Disposal District (2009-GDD041). The annual cost of this service is estimated to be \$8,450,000.

Minimum Requirements: Bidders must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bids (IFB) document, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The Bidder and any subcontractor performing Task 1 must have a minimum of three years' experience in the automated collection of refuse from residences (single-family homes and duplexes), multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments at the time of bid submission.
2. The Bidder and any subcontractor performing Task 1 must have a minimum of three years' experience in the automated collection and managing of recyclable materials and green waste from residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments at the time of bid submission.
3. The Bidder and any subcontractor performing Task 2 must have a minimum of three years' experience in removal of discarded materials from alleys and public curbside receptacles collection at the time of bid submission.
4. Bidder and any subcontractor must possess the required valid Waste Collector Permit naming the Bidder and any subcontractor as the permittee or a copy of the application for a Waste Collector Permit naming the Bidder and any subcontractor as the permittee issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health at the time of bid submission.
5. The Bidder must also submit a Bid Guaranty as outlined in Part I, Section 2.A.11, Bid Guaranty, at the time of bid submission.
6. If awarded this contract, the Bidder must have the ability to provide a faithful performance security in the sum of not less than 50 percent of the annual contract price as specified in the Part II, Sample Agreement.
7. The Bidder must be able to demonstrate its financial and physical capabilities to provide all of the services contemplated in the specifications outlined in Exhibit A.1 and Exhibit A.2, Scope of Work, as well as equipment required in the performance of the work, through either one of the two options:

„X When audited financial statements are submitted, the Bidder's annual gross business income for the most current three full fiscal years shall be no less than one times the Total Proposed Annual Amount for Tasks 1 and 2 from Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, and must be prepared and certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant or an accounting firm, or

„X When reviewed financial statements are submitted, the Bidder's annual gross business income for the most current three full fiscal years shall be no less than three times the Total Proposed Annual Amount for Tasks 1 and 2 from Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, and must be prepared and certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant or an accounting firm.

If not enclosed, the IFB with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting bids may be requested by accessing this link at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts> or may be requested from Ms. Jeanette Arismendez at (626) 458 4050, jarisemen@dpw.lacounty.gov, or from Mr Benjamin Sandoval at (626) 458-7334, bsandoval@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Bidders' Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, in Conference Room A. ATTENDANCE BY THE BIDDER OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS MANDATORY. Public Works will reject bids from those whose attendance cannot be verified. Attendees should be prepared to ask questions at that time about the specifications, bid requirements, and contract terms. After the conference, it may be impossible to respond to further requests for information.

The deadline to submit bids is Monday, December 7, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Public Works Cashier, located on the Mezzanine Floor at the address above.

Bidders are encouraged to conduct site visits of the work location including alleys, well in advance of the deadline to submit bids or before the Bidder's Conference in order to properly assess the extent of the services requested. Please direct your questions to Ms. Arismendez or Mr. Sandoval at the numbers listed above. Bidders are instructed not to contact any County personnel other than the Contract Analysts listed above regarding this solicitation.

Selected Bid Information

Contact Name : Jeanette Arismendez
Contact Phone# : (626) 458-4050
Contact Email : jarismen@dpw.lacounty.gov
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